GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:628
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REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE AT DHARWAD
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.383 on 11 November, 2006 regarding Regional Science Centre at Dharwad and state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has provided suitable land for setting up of Regional Science Centre at Dharwad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the required funds are likely to be sanctioned/released by the Union Government for this project ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. Government of Karnataka has identified a plot of land in the Karnataka University campus to the extent of approximately 12 acres. National Council of Science Museums, the nodal agency for implementing this scheme under the Ministry of Culture, has reported that the land offered by Govt. of Karnataka is suitable for establishing Regional Science Centre. As per the existing norms of the scheme, the total cost for setting up of a Regional Science Centre is Rs. 6.50 crore to be shared by Central Government and State Government in the ratio of 50:50.

(c) : Fund for the project will be released by the Government of India as well as State Government of Karnataka after the Standing Finance Committee clearance.